HOUSE RESOLUTION No. ____

Introduced by: Smith V

A HOUSE RESOLUTION recognizing the academic achievements of Gary Community School Corporation for the school year 2006-2007.

Whereas, pursuant to the No Child Left Behind Act, signed into law in 2001, schools must achieve standards of Adequate Yearly Progress, which include all demographic groups;

Whereas, Gary Community School Corporation made AYP at the district level for the first time since the standard had been set by the federal government;

Whereas, Gary Community School Corporation's achievement is especially worthy of praise because of the serious challenges facing Gary schools including the high concentration of students with disabilities;

Whereas, Gary Community School Corporation's success was the result of the implementation of a five-year strategic plan encompassing customized instructional and management

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methods and tools;

Whereas, this plan helped teachers and administration achieve greater effectiveness in the classroom assuring that all students attain high academic achievement, safe and orderly learning environment, effective and efficient operations and recruitment and retention of highly qualified teachers, administrators and staff;

Whereas, Gary Community School Corporation's efforts have focused largely on the elementary level where the greatest improvements have been seen;

Whereas, Gary Community School Corporation's strategy of laying a solid foundation promises greater improvement and success in the future;

Whereas, the U.S. Department of Education was so impressed by the strides made in Gary that officials recently visited schools there to hear from administrators and students; and

the students. and Whereas. parents, teachers. administrators of Gary Community School Corporation should be commended for their efforts in making strides towards becoming a more highly competitive, attractive and academically reputable school district; Therefore,

> Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. The Indiana House of Representatives hereby recognizes the academic achievements of Gary Community School Corporation for the school year 2006-07.

SECTION 2. The Principle Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to Gary School Board of Trustees and Superintendent Dr. Mary Steele-Agee.

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